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Menstruation, the balance wheel of woman's life, is also the bane of existence to many because it means a time of great suffering.

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MISS JENNIE R. MILES, Leon, Wis.

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OF PERSIAN ORIGIN.

"Who started the commercial abbreviation 'O. K.'?"

"Omar Khayyam, of course."

Trifling that Costs.

There is a way of trifling that costs a heap of money. Neglect rheumatism and it may put one on crutches, with loss of time and money. St. Jacobs Oil will cure it surely, right away.

The poor are the charge of the rich.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A COLUMN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cunning Children.

The shrike's ordinary method of capturing prey closely resembles that of the fly-catcher, to which, however, it is not really related. The resemblance is merely one of those due to similarity of habit.

Every well-conducted butcher-bird has a settled perch or pitch on which he sits to watch and wait, and to which he returns after each short excursion. Flies and bees he catches on the wing, darting down upon them suddenly with a swoop like a king-fisher's; but he also often takes them sitting, especially when they are seated on a leaf or a branch, or are eating carrion.

One of his favorite hunting-boxes is a telegraph wire, and he prefers one that crosses the corner of a wood; there he will sit with his head held sapiently on one side, keeping a sharp lookout from his beady brown eyes in every direction. If a bee light on a head of clover, if a cockchafer stir, if a mouse move in the grass, if a fledgling thrush make a first unguarded attempt to fly—voe! betide the poor innocent; our butcher-bird is upon him, with a fierce, darting beak, and in ten seconds more his writhing body adds to the store in the shrike's larder.

A good place and time to watch a butcher-bird at work is in a quiet field by a copse just after the mowing. But you must hide carefully. The short grass is then full of beetles, crickets and grasshoppers, as well as of mice, shrews and lizards, which can conceal themselves less easily than they were wont to do in the long hay before the cutting.

At such times, hawks and owls made a fine livelihood in the fields; but their habit is to hunt their quarry on the open. They hover and drop upon it. That is not the butcher-bird's plan; he is a more cautious and secret foe; he sits casually on his branch or his telegraph wire, with his head on one side, till his prey stirs visibly; then he pounces on him from above, making a short excursion each time, and returning to rest on his accustomed position.

When he catches a bird, and eats it at once, he begins by spitting it on a thorn; then he attacks the skull first, breaking it through and eating the brain, which is his favorite tid-bit. He also raids on the nests of other birds, and carries off the nestlings.—Grant Allen.

Lord Fauntleroy Is Changed.

When Little Lord Fauntleroy was a long-haired, wide-collared boy he was devoted to a ball some one had given him, so his faithful chronicler says. Once, when it rolled beneath a daisy, he wept to see the thing he had loved and cherished so mangled by cruel wheels.

A few weeks ago Little Lord Fauntleroy—Victor Burnett—was an active participant in a foot-ball game. Of

higher than the surrounding plain. Another river, the Han Keang, is only 200 feet wide at its mouth, but grows wider as the distance from its mouth increases. In the summer this river is higher than its natural banks, with the result that, were it not for walls that hold the water in check, the surrounding country would be under water for the greater part of the year.

Jack's Point of View.

His little sister pouted: "I think it was a shame for you to get the scolding. When you were not to blame. Why didn't some one tell them the truth about the ball—That Freddy Fearing threw it, and it wasn't you at all?"

But that's the way it always is; it's just the same old song. When any mischief happens—It's Jack who's in the wrong! And other boys, I'm sure of it, are every bit as bad.

I'm sick of such injustice! It makes me hopping mad!"

Jack kissed his little sister: "Oh, don't you fret!" he said. "With a twinkle in his laughing eyes—And don't you peech on Fred. I told the little beggar (He was scared to death, you see, when the ball went through the window) To leave it all to me. Nobody fished about it. But the fellows ran away. 'Twas just the situation—Somebody had to stay. Of course I caught it heavy. But bless you!—think what fun for me to get a scolding. For a thing I hadn't done!"

—St. Nicholas.

An Incomplete Education.

Visitor.—Well, Tommie, how are you getting on at school? Tommie (aged 8).—First rate. I ain't doing as well as some of the other boys, though. I can stand on my head, but I have to put my feet against the fence. I want to do it without being near the fence at all, like some of the boys do, and I can after I've been to school long enough."

RECENT INVENTIONS.

A Texan has patented a billiard cue which is chambered at the end and filled with chalk, to be discharged through a small opening to the face of the cue as each shot is made.

In a new English bicycle saddle, a metallic ring, supported by braces, is strung with straps or other flexible material to form a flat seat which springs with the weight of the rider.

To ascertain the size of finger rings a new measuring device has a flat base on which the finger is placed, with graduated bars to surround the finger and indicate the size of ring needed.

In an improved footrest for boot-blackening stands clamps are provided for the sole and heel portions, which can be adjusted to fit any foot and clamped in place by a lever at the side of the base.

In a new jack-screw for raising heavy bodies the spiral ribs inside the frame are replaced by a series of steel balls which mesh in the grooves on the threaded shaft and decrease the friction as the shaft is turned.

A handy blotting post has a spring drum inserted in the top, on which is wound a cord with a snap hook at the outer end for attachment to the bridge, the spring pulling the rope into the post when not in use.

A handy cup for drinking purposes has a weighted section formed under the flange in the bottom, so that the cup can be dropped into the spring when not in use, the weight keeping it in an upright position as it floats.

Bags can be quickly fastened by an Ohio man's device, consisting of two steel members pivoted together, with a yoke on one which locks over teeth on the other member as they are pressed over the mouth of the sack.

He Would Not Believe It.

There is at times excuse for incredulity. A certain representative of the Sultan of Turkey on one occasion was perhaps to be excused for unbelief.

It was when the Duke of York—now the heir to the English throne, and the commander of a battleship—was a young midshipman, and his ship was in Turkish waters. The story is vouchered for by Admiral Sir Frederick Bedford, under whom Prince George served.

The vessel called at a Turkish port to coal, and during this operation a representative of the Sultan came to pay his respects to his royal highness. He was courteously received by the captain, but in response said that it was for the Prince his visit was intended.

"I am in command," said Sir Frederick, "and the Prince is an officer, but here he comes."

At that moment the Queen's grandson, who was in command of the coal-laying party, and who was noted for energy in the performance of his duties, came up. That he was in command of the coal-laying party needed not to be explained to the visitor. The fact was apparent. He was as black as any of the men.

The Turk turned away in disgust, refusing to believe that he was face to face with an English prince, and left with the conviction that he had been hoaxed.—Youth's Companion.

A Dismal Outlook.

"Why should you worry? You've got a rich uncle who is on his last legs, and you're his nearest relative."

"Oh, yes, I know, but a grass widow has just moved into the flat across the hall."

They Are Slow.

"I was down at New York last week and had a queer experience."

"What was that?"

"I couldn't find a barbersque of 'Cyrano de Bergerac' at any of the theaters."

People are very charitable about scandalous things they don't find out.

AN EXAMPLE TO HER SEX.

"My wife never bought me a cigar in her life."

"Well, she's a wise woman."

"Yes, she knows I don't smoke."

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Mrs. M. A. MARTINEY, Columbia, Mo.

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Thousands of them, are suffering from lingering diseases induced by life in poisonous southern camps, the result of changes of climate, or of imperfect nutrition caused by improper and badly cooked food. Sleeping on the ground has doubtless developed rheumatism in hundreds who were predisposed to the disease. In such cases the Boys of '98 may take a lesson from the experience of the

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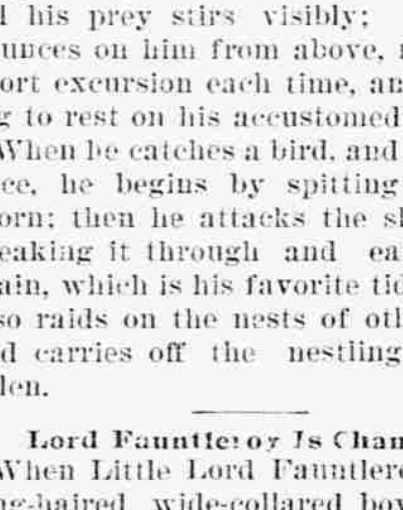
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6 Razor, hollow ground, fine English steel.	24 Sewing Machine, size No. 20.
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AS HIS MOTHER'S HERO AND AS HIS COLLEGE'S HERO.

course, every one knows that Mrs. Burnett was merely historian of her son when she wrote her famous book. It interested a great many persons to see how Victor Burnett treated the ball. He kicked it so far that he came near making a new football record. He kicked it so hard that he was a hero with a mob cheering his name like mad. And for the second time he was a hero—this time a football hero instead of a book hero.

Where Reasoning Failed.

"Mamma, have I any children?" asked little 5-year-old Ella upon her return home from Sunday school. "Why, no, of course not! What put that idea into your head?" replied the surprised mother. "Because," answered the little lady, "our lesson at Sunday school to-day was about people's children and their children's children."

Knowledge of the Abstract.

"What is an abstract noun, Nellie?" asked the teacher, of a bright little girl. "Don't know," was the answer. "You don't know?" exclaimed the teacher. "Well, it's the name of something you can think of but can't touch. Now, can you give an example?" "A red-hot poker," was the surprising and prompt reply.

Queer Facts About China.

China, or "the Celestial Empire," as it is sometimes called, is a land of mystery and curiosities to most of us. From an American point of view the Chinese do many things "upside down," and even nature seems to ape this, to us, contrary system. For instance, the Hwang-ho, or Yellow River, one of the two largest rivers in the empire, through a large action of its course is

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